THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir. Gwar, Moth, Dhania, Jeera, Methi and Isabgol are the important crops in Rajasthan.

(b) to (d) These crops are not covered under the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) fixed by the Government for major agricultural crops. The commodities covered under the MSP scheme are of all India importance and are mostly items of mass consumption, necessary for food/nutrition security.

(e) The production of these crops in Rajasthan, during 2004-05, varies between 41.7 thousand tonnes for Isabgol to 366.0 thousand tonnes for Gwar which is more than 40 percent of the total production of Gwar, while more than 80 percent of the total production of Moth and Methi is contributed by Rajasthan.

Ban on slaughter of cattle

†1805. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any ban has been imposed on slaughter of the cattle used in farming particularly cows, oxen and their calves for the purpose of meat;

(b) if so, the names of the States where this ban has been imposed and since when alongwith the names of other States which are taking action to enact laws in this regard;

(c) whether these laws have been pronounced as legal by the courts; and

(d) if so, the details of the reasons for non-enactment of the similar law and enforcement throughout the country on uniform basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (d) As per the distribution of legislative powers between the Union and States, the preservation of cattle is a matter on which the state legislatures have exclusive power to legislate (Entry 15 of

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the List-II of 7th Schedule of Constitution). Most of the States/UTs have enacted Acts, banning or restricting cow slaughter in their States. A list of such states is given in Statement (*See* below).

As per the information available with the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisherie, Hon'ble Supreme Court *vide* judgement dated 26-10-2005 has, in the case of State of Gujarat *versus* Mirzapur Moti Kureshi Kassab Jamat & Ors., held the Bombay Animal Preservation (Gujarat Amendment) Act, 1994 (Gujarat Act, No. 4 of 1994) to be *intra vires* the Constitution.

Statement

States/Union Territories which have legislation on banning or restricting the slaughter of cow and its progeny

Sl. No.	State	Union Territories
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
2.	Assam	2. Chandigarh
3.	Bihar	3. Dadra and Nagar Haveli
4.	Goa	4. Daman-Diu
5.	Gujarat	5. Pondicherry
6.	Haryana	
7.	Himachal Pradesh	
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	
9.	Karnataka	
10.	Madhya Pradesh	
11.	Maharashtra	
12.	Orissa	
13.	Punjab	
14.	Rajasthan	

1	2	3
15.	Sikkim	
16.	Tamil Nadu	
17.	Uttar Pradesh	
18.	West Bengal	
19.	Manipur	
20.	National Capital Territory of Delhi	
21.	Uttaranchal	
22.	Jharkhand	
23.	Chhattisgarh	

Rejuvenation of co-operative institutions in Madhya Pradesh

†1806. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal worth Rs. 2500 crores has been received from Government of Madhya Pradesh for rejuvenation of those co-operative institutions which are in poor condition;

(b) if so, by when it would be approved and by when the first instalment would be released; and

(c) if not, the details of short comings in the proposal which are to be removed at the level of State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) State Government of Madhya Pradesh has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government of India NABARD for implementation of the revival package for strengthening the short term cooperative credit structure. The process for conducting the special audit has already started for ascertaining the actual amount of financial assistance to be provided for revival of short term cooperative credit institutions in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) Does not arise.

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